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HOUSE RESOLUTION 176

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A RESOLUTION to honor Bianca Jefferson and the members of the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Law Explorers Mock Trial Team.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, astute and dedicated individuals can be found involved in the Memphis Light, Gas and Water (MLGW) Law Explorers Mock Trial Team, of which one Ms. Bianca Jefferson is a member; and

WHEREAS, the team is composed of exemplary high school students ranging from 14 years of age and older, who are matriculated in the Memphis City or Shelby County School System; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jefferson and the MLGW Law Explorers competed in the 2000 City High School Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the Memphis Bar Association and the Boy Scouts of America; the competition was held January 28 through February 2, 2000 at the Shelby County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, area attorneys volunteered to serve as judges for the acclaimed event as 26 teams gathered in the spirit of competition; the MLGW Law Explorers were represented well at the competition as five members were specially recognized; and

WHEREAS, in her third year with the Law Explorers, Bianca Jefferson's commitment and leadership are invaluable assets to the team; and

WHEREAS, the eight-member team began practicing early in the season once a week; as competition day drew near, the members dedicated countless hours in practices three to four days a week and on weekends; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cynthia White serves with great probity as the team's advisor; she also advised the 1997 MLGW Law Explorers Team that won first place honors at the National Competition in San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, Tim Flowers, a Memphis attorney, was this year's dedicated coach for the competition in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Bianca Jefferson's estimable team members include, Tamara Young, April Williams, Mary McNeill, Cassie Ford, Michael Pollion, Jeremy Peoples, and Zephaniah Holt; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during competition, and untiring commitment of time and talent, the members of the MLGW Law Explorers have achieved extraordinary success and, thus, have joined the ranks of Tennessee's and our nation's most elite students; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to honor these exemplary students on their accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby congratulate and honor Bianca Jefferson and the members of the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Law Explorers Mock Trial Team and wish each of the members of this select group a successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a duly inscribed copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.